

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) ~~The paper making method according to claim 1,~~ A method of making a discontinuous paper body, comprising:
feeding a raw material with a predetermined concentration into water which is in a stirred condition;
maintaining the stirred condition for a predetermined time after said feeding step is completed; and
passing the raw material diluted with the water through a wire cloth, while the stirred condition is maintained;

wherein said paper body is a discontinuous annular body, and the stirred condition is obtained by a plurality of stirring mechanisms equally disposed above said wire cloth.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The paper making method according to claim ~~14~~, wherein said stirring mechanisms are air nozzles, and the raw material is stirred by air jetted from said air nozzles.

5. through 29. (cancelled)